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USSR TO AID HUNGARIAN TEXTILE INDUSTRY;
CONSUMERS' GOODS OUTPUT UP

USSR TO AID TEXTILE INDUSTRY -- Szabad Nep, No 39, 16 Feb 49

Hungarian textile industry leaders have just returned from the USSR where important agreements were signed affecting the development of Hungary's textile industry. One item of purchase is a complete 30,720-ring spinner to be delivered between September 1949 and February 1950. The ring spinner will probably be set up in Szeged. The USSR will also deliver 250 sewing machines for the clothing industry which are said to be much better than the Singer-type sewing machines. Arrangements have also been made for Hungary to participate in a Moscow textile exhibition in May.

AVERAGE PRODUCTION OF COTTON GOODS INCREASES -- Szabad Nep, No 39, 16 Feb 49

The 5-month plan for the production of cotton goods was completed by 94 percent. The reason for this partial failure is that the Western Power states did not deliver the quantity of cotton ordered. The USSR is helping to make up the deficiency. Average monthly production of cotton goods increased from 10,100,000 square meters during the first year of the three-year plan to 12,700,000 square meters during the 5-month plan. Production of woollen goods was somewhat below the plan because the mild winter brought a reduction in the demand for such goods.

UNITED INCANDESCENT CORPORATION -- Kis Ujsag, No 37, 13 Feb 49

The Eggevit Isko R.T. (United Incandescent Corporation) is one of the largest incandescent lamp manufacturers in Europe. The plant, which employs over 4,000 men and produces millions of bulbs, has its own glassworks and builds its own machinery. The glassworks was built last year at a cost of 8 million forints. Its equipment includes a Siemens-Martin furnace with a capacity of 100-110 tons of molten glass at a temperature of 1,450 degrees. The glass is shaped mechanically; daily production is from 130,000 to 140,000 glass units. The plant produces 1,100 complete incandescent lamps an hour. Other important items produced are radio tubes and machinery for manufacturing light bulbs.

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In addition to regular bulbs, the plant also produces argon-filled lamps, reflectors, lamps for the medical profession, mercury lamps, krypton burning lamps, etc. The production plan for 1949 calls for an output of 140 million forints' worth of goods, of which 60-70 percent is destined for export to all parts of the world.

DOMESTIC PAPER PRODUCTION -- Kis Ujsag, No 35, 11 Feb 49

The paper Industry Administration has announced that 90 percent of the country's paper requirements are now met by domestic production. Per capita paper consumption has increased by 35 percent during the past 2 years. Soda pulp paper requirements are also being largely met by domestic consumption with the raw material, cellulose, coming from the USSR and Finland. A system of specialization has been introduced in the industry: the Papirmuvek (Paper Plants) will produce paper bags and sacks; the David and Samu Plants will manufacture boxes; paper for the chemical industry and carbon paper will be manufactured exclusively by Mascolo Papirgyar (Carbon Paper Plant); the so-called Herax speels used by the textile industry will be manufactured by the Magyar Vegyipapirgyar (Hungarian Chemical Paper Plant); and notebook production will be centered in the Riegler Plant.

FURNITURE PLANTS INCREASE PRODUCTION -- Szabad Szo, No 35, 11 Feb 49

The number of men engaged in furniture manufacture has been increased from 650 to 2,400 since nationalization of the industry. The value of production has been increased from 6 to 19 forints per work-hour. The results were made possible by shifting machinery and having shops produce that for which they are best equipped. As an example, the Lingel furniture factory which previously produced de luxe furniture has changed to production of standard types with a monthly production of 500 pieces of furniture. Standardization and improved work organization has resulted in a 30 percent savings in working time.

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